



CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

May

- 1 – **Fishing Derby Fundraiser**, 8 p.m., Clubroom
- 2 – **Annual Spring Talkoo**, 10 a.m., *Kentta*
- 6 – Future Planning, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 9 – Forest Management, 10 a.m., Pole Barn
- 12 – Sisterhood Committee, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 15 – **Sun Lake Cleanup**, noon, Sun Lake
- 16 – Board meeting, 10 a.m., visitors at noon
- 22 – **Kensington Park Field Trip**, 11:30 a.m., meet at Clubroom's parking lot.
- 22 – **Recreation Committee**, after field trip, Clubroom
- 30 – **Special Members' Meeting**, Noon., Clubroom
(see below)
- 30 – **Welcome Back Dinner and Games**, 7 p.m., Clubroom

June

- 2 – Board meeting, 7 p.m., no visitors
- 5 – Bar Committee, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 6 – **Spring Classic Men's Scramble**, 8 a.m.
- 13 – Board meeting, 10 a.m., visitors at noon
- 13 – **Bar Committee Breakfast**, 8 a.m., *Kentta*
- 13 – **Fishing Derby**, 9 a.m. registration, Sun Lake, \$4
- 19 – **Juhannus and Car Show**

Friday Night Grill is open Fridays, 6-8:30 p.m., *Kentta*

See "Upcoming Events" section for more details.

Note: Not all events are listed on this and other DFCSCA calendars. If you are planning an event and want to check the availability of a specific facility on a certain date, the only way to confirm this is to check with Karen Pype (248-926-6219).

rent members in good standing. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting, which will deal with only this issue.

Condolences

Our condolences to Tommy Homak and family, whose mother, Betty J. Homak, née Taylor, passed away on April 19 at age 76. She was the beloved wife of the late Eddie Homak and dearest mother of Nancy (spouse Paul) Prouty, Karen Goboly, Thomas (Diana) Homak and Christine (Thomas) Cass. She is survived by five loving grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Arrangements are being made by Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, 36900 Schoenherr in Sterling Heights at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). Share memories with the family through their "Online Guest Book" at WujekCalcaterra.com.

CCC Time

No, the Civilian Conservation Corps is not coming to the Finn Camp. It's Camp Country Clean-up time. And we have to do it ourselves: the CCC is no longer with us, but the spirit of Finn Camp's founders is, and we wouldn't want them to be embarrassed about how camp country looks, right?!

With summer fast approaching, a number of spring chores need to be done around camp country. Some of these are of an ongoing nature, but a few need attention before June 1.

Members with a camp must have its number posted with an easily readable sign on the side of the camp facing the road. It's wonderful that a lot of camps have been newly painted, but sometimes this makes camp numbers difficult to read, especially at night. This request isn't just for aesthetics: emergency services must be able to find your camp if they are called to it, just like your primary residence. This numbering is mandatory to be in compliance with police and fire department ordinances. Signs should be in place by June 1 or camp owners may be subject to a \$100 fine (see specifically §203.2.2.14 in the newly revised bylaws, or Blue Book).

Also by June 1, please clean up the leaves around your camp. As the Blue Book says, "Leaves may be disposed of in low swampy areas, but may not be left in plastic bags" and may not be burned (§203.1.12).

Special Meeting to Approve Work Project List

On Sunday, May 30, there will be a special meeting for members to approve the following list of work projects discussed at the annual meeting on April 25. The meeting will be in the Clubroom starting at noon, with registration beginning at 11:00 a.m.

<i>Kentta</i> Roof—Gables on ends	\$1,500
More Grills—Sun Lake, Loon Lake	\$600
Sauna—Repair walls at base; miscellaneous	\$1,000
Caretaker's House—Steps on side	\$900
Enclose <i>Kentta</i> Grill with block and stone	\$1,500
Roof Over <i>Kentta</i> Grill	\$700
Update Clubroom Bathrooms	\$2,000
	<u>\$8,200</u>

These long-needed pending projects cannot be funded without the express approval of a quorum of the cur-



If you want to do some planting or landscaping around your camp and are a member with a Wixom home address, you are entitled to an annual free five cubic yards of any combination of mulch, compost or wood chips from the city's Sanitation Department dump on Charms Road. (Camp owners with non-Wixom primary residences may be challenged about the residency requirement.)

Please read the Blue Book about camp regulations (see specifically §203.2: 2.1–2.5). for further guidance toward making camp country the unique treasure that it is. Whether or not you are a camp owner, you can help just by picking up trash and recycling cans.

Annual Membership Meeting

On Sunday, April 25, the DFCSCA held its 2010 annual membership meeting, with a comfortable quorum—43 members of the 177 on the rolls. The list saw three additions last year—Amber Aro, Lynsey Rauker and Rebecca Wendela—and four losses, deceased members Jim Dernberger, Gene Holappa, Hazel Santti and Elsie Wendela.

The first part of the meeting before the break for a delicious lunch prepared by Ginger Wing, our caretaker, was largely given over to examining the organization's finances. Despite some concerns over a tight budget, the members voted to maintain the current annual assessment at \$220 and agreed to accept the budget as presented. The biggest financial issue was Works Administrator Don Matt's detailed proposal of \$27,000 to renovate the Clubroom kitchen completely, to bring it up to code and make it a more efficient and pleasant a place to work. No monies having been previously budgeted for this refurbishing, the makeover cannot proceed yet, but the members agreed to designate the association's portion of all upcoming 50–50 raffles toward the kitchen project as a start. Clubroom reservations earned \$900 this past year, and an attractive, well-designed new kitchen is hoped to increase what the space can earn from rentals once it is completed.

The DFCSCA's standing committees all had great programs, and in some cases even good financial returns, to report from the last year. The recent Sisterhood 1970s-era dance kicked up some dust and raised \$400, the Cultural Committee's joint musical evening with the Finnish Cultural Association at that facility profited

\$218 and the Winter Fest event brought in an estimated extra \$1,000 from bar tabs over and above earnings of \$876 by Winter Fest itself. The Recreation Committee led a sledding expedition, held a pancake breakfast and has planned (see details in this issue) a Kensington Park trip as well as possibly a canoe excursion and a Belle Isle trip.

In the background, essential operations continued: studying how to prevent further shoreline erosion to the beach on Loon Lake, voting to replace a failed commercial freezer in the *ravintola* for \$2,000, purchasing and setting up security fences for public events and many other such items.

By paper balloting, the members elected officers to the board in the general meeting. After the membership meeting, the board met to pair up individuals with specific offices, following longstanding practice. The new officers are as follows:

President: Greg Pelto
Vice President: Denny Sennhenn
Treasurer: Dick Pye
Secretary: Millie Packard

Works Administrators: Linda Gooden,
Ralph Heikkinen, Don Matt

Dick Pye, as first alternate, replaced Steve Melancon who resigned his position following the Membership meeting due to work/Board meeting conflicts.

Kaiku Update



Those of you who remember Kaiku from its exciting concert at the Finn Camp a couple of years ago might be interested to learn that they continue to be active and have just released a new CD, called *Usva* (Mist).



This time around they have split most of their songs between Finnish and English so that the meaning will not be missed. The *Finnish American Reporter* describes their sound as “combining Finnish ethnic myth and chord progressions in minor modes with jazz and Latino rhythms of varying kinds” and as likely to “appeal to both youth and discerning adults on this continent.” In comparison to their first CD, *Usva* is now less reliant on folk elements and is more directed toward the emerging sound of world pop, continuing Kaiku’s efforts to reveal modern Finnish culture as vibrant, relevant, seductive and sophisticated.

Kaiku, founded by Jaana Kantola and Paula Jaakkola in New York City, in the fall of 2004, was named National Performer of the Year for 2006 by the Finlandia Foundation. They have toured much of the East Coast, the Midwest and Canada while performing in the New York City area at such places as Celebrate Brooklyn, the BAM [Brooklyn Academy of Music] Café and Symphony Space. After completing a successful tour in Finland in 2008, they will return there in the summer of 2010, this time sponsored by the Council of Arts of Finland. They were the subject of a 2007 documentary, Tosi Tarina: Kaiku New Yorkista, which broadcast in prime time television in Finland.

You can find more information about Kaiku at www.kaikumusic.com, where you will find upcoming shows, past press notices and their full biography. To listen to tracks from *Usva* go to www.myspace.com/kaiku. Contact booking@kaikumusic.com if you might be interested in acquiring *Usva* or for more information. —Dale Aho

Heartfelt Thanks

Our thanks to the many friends, neighbors and family who came out to support our family during a very difficult time. Thanks, too, to the many people who supplied food and flowers for the tables at the celebration of Jim’s life on March 27. What a wonderful spread! We couldn’t have done it without you—we feel truly blessed. —The Dernberger Family

Michigan Going Smoke-free on May 1



Starting May 1, 2010, Michigan law bans smoking statewide in all enclosed, indoor workplaces, as well as the outdoor patios of bars and restaurants. This restriction includes the Finn

Camp Clubroom, Dance Hall and *Kentta* (outdoor patio) and kitchen, especially if food is being served.

Recreation Committee News

We are having our first field trip on Saturday, May 22—to Kensington Metro Parks’ “Celebration of Spring” and the return of the great blue herons. The Celebration will have several exhibits for kids to visit. We will then take a self-guided nature walk around the park. To join us, meet at the Clubroom parking lot at 11:30 a.m., so we can carpool with only a few cars.

Metro Parks Vehicle Entry Permit

Annual	\$25
Senior (62+)	\$15
Daily	\$5

Come and join us for the fun! Everyone is invited to attend.

After the field trip, there will be a Recreation Committee meeting at the Clubroom.

We are also accepting applications for the position of swimming instructor. YMCA or Red Cross certification is preferred. For more information, email Kathy Bretschneider at kathleenbret@msn.com. —Kathy Bretschneider

Friday Night Grill

The Friday Night Grill is back again for the summer. The grill runs every Friday night during the softball season from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Come by for a hamburger, chicken sandwich, or hotdog. Soft drinks, potato chips and desserts are also available.

Rebuilding Together Oakland County



Volunteers build a new handicap ramp.



On April 24, Rebuilding Together Oakland County (RTOC), a nonprofit affiliate of the national organization Rebuilding Together, worked on two houses in Wixom. One of them was the home of Lorna Kansman, who is a former long time Finn Camp member. A lot of volunteers came out, including Wixom Mayor Kevin Hinckley, Wixom City Councilman John Lee, Oakland County Commissioner Jeff Potter and other Oakland County and Wixom residents, including a number of Finn Camp members volunteering in this project. Lorna's house had a new handicapped wood ramp built, rooms painted, and much landscaping, including a flagpole in the front lawn.



Jody Dernberger paints the living room ceiling.

RTOC is an excellent volunteer organization helping seniors in our area make improvements to their homes. For more information, visit rebuildingtogether-oaklandcounty.org.



Keith Maddick installing a new door and hardware.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fishing Derby Fundraiser

Saturday, May 1, 8 p.m., Clubroom

Members and Guests only

Austrian crystal jewelry, earrings, necklaces, bracelets. Come support the program for the children.

Annual Spring Talkoo

Sunday, May 2, 10 a.m., meet at the *Kentta*.

The spring *talkoo* is Finn Camp's annual tradition of members coming together to help prepare the grounds for the summer season. Please come out for this special event. All ages are encouraged to join in. Perennial flowers are needed as donations; please bring them to the *talkoo* for planting near the Clubroom. *Mojakka* and beverages will be served to workers. Enjoy a free sauna after the *talkoo*. Workers need to sign the sign-in sheet in the Clubroom before they go to take advantage of the free sauna. Anyone who are not on the list will be asked to pay.

Sun Lake Clean-up

Saturday, May 15, meet at Sun Lake at noon.

Get your work hours in early! Bring gloves, rakes and shovels. We'll supply flats of flowers to plant. If you would like to donate any perennials that need splitting, please bring them. Join us in spring cleaning the beach area and helping beautify it for our summer enjoyment.

—Sponsored by the Sisterhood Committee

Welcome Back Dinner and Games

Sunday, May 30, 7 p.m., Clubroom.

The Clubroom will be open the Sunday before Memorial Day so that you can enjoy dinner and games with fellow DFCSCA members. Bring a favorite dish to share for the first summer potluck of 2010. There will be a euchre tournament (\$3 entry fee) starting at 8:00, with registration at 7:00. There's limited space, so come early. Bring any other games you'd like to play on this long-awaited weekend that marks the beginning of summer.

A question was asked of Aunt Lempi just the other day: "What is a potluck dinner?" Well, a potluck is a dinner where people are asked to bring a dish to pass, and it is the luck of the participants as to what arrives in the pot. The next question was, "How much food should I bring?" Aunt Lempi's rule of thumb is to bring enough to feed your own family for two meals if that was all



your family was going to eat for, say, lunch or dinner. For example, if you were making a main course dish for serving at home and you would normally cook a pound of pasta, then make two pounds for a potluck. This will ensure that there will always be enough food. It would, for example, not be enough if you were to bring 10 people but contributed only a bag of chips and some salsa. If you chose to make two dishes, it would be appropriate to make a regular batch of both dishes. That should feed your family.

Aunt Lempi hopes this answers your questions. If you should have any more etiquette questions, please refer them to the editor of this newsletter and Aunt Lempi will do her best to answer any and all questions. Thank you.—Aunt Lempi

Spring Classic Men's Scramble



Sunday, June 6, at the River Bank Golf Course, South Lyon, 10 Mile and Currie. Registration start at 8 a.m., tee-off at 9 a.m. Contact Dave Niemi.

Bar Committee Announcement

The Bar Committee will serve a breakfast on Sunday, June 13, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, in the outdoor kitchen, then raffle off a fire pit at noon. The second prize will be a free sauna card. Third prize is a credit of \$10 off the drink of your choice at the bar. Tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5.

The next meeting of the Bar Committee will be Saturday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubroom.

Annual Fishing Derby



Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 13: it could be your lucky day. Come alone, with a friend or bring the family. (This event is for members and guests only.) Registration

starts at 9 a.m., the fishing begins at ten and lunch is about noon. Fish for hours, enjoy a freshly cooked fish-and-chip lunch—and maybe even win a great prize!

There will be games and raffles for young and old. If you're not into fishing, come and volunteer, to gain some work hours. Donations of salad, fruit, veggies or dessert will really be appreciated to round out what will already be a great meal. For only \$4 per person, how can you go wrong?

Sign-up boards for volunteers and lunch donations will be at the beach closer to derby time.

Contact Susan Slaughter for more information: 586-206-5756 or FishingDerby@finncamp.org (specify "Derby: as subject").

Please note that no motors, electric or gas, are allowed on Sun Lake.

Juhannus, Saturday, June 19

Welcome in summer with our annual Juhannus celebration. Featured events include, of course, our famous *kokko* (bonfire) at 10 p.m., the fourth annual car show (see below), dancing to traditional Juhannus classics with the Don Reinholm Band at 7 p.m., followed by recorded contemporary pop music at 8:30 in the Dance Hall, and a 50–50 raffle. The kitchen will be open all day, from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. Breakfast will be served both Saturday and Sunday mornings, from 8 a.m. to noon.

To work hours in the kitchen on Juhannus, please see the sign-up sheets that will soon be located at the Sun Lake office.

If you would like to work hours other than in the kitchen, please call Dick Pye at 248-926-6219. To make this event a success, we need everyone to come forward and help! Our thanks for managing this event go to Dick Pye, chairman.

Fourth Annual Car Show

This year the annual car show will be held June 19, noon to 5:00 p.m., as part of the Juhannus celebration. There's no charge to view the Finn Camp's softball field full of meticulously reconditioned classic cars. In fact, for only \$5 you can enter your own vehicle, in whatever level of completion you have reached with it.

Registration starts around 10:00 a.m., with the show beginning at 12:00 and the awards announced at 4:00.

To preregister, send your name and address, with the year and make and model of your car or truck, to



FinnCampCarShow@yahoo.com. Then when you arrive at the show, all you'll have to do is sign a liability form and pay the entry fee. All proceeds will go to the Juhannus committee. Buttons for Juhannus will be available at the registration table, or see the overall organizer for Juhannus, Dick Pye.

Juhannus-Finn Camp car show raffle prizes:

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| 1st | 22" Insignia 1080 LCD TV | \$270 value |
| 2nd | Massage by Korey Atwell | \$70 value |
| 3rd | Goodie Bucket | \$50 value |

Sponsored by the Juhannus Committee.

Need not be present to win. Drawing is June 19, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. Tickets located in Clubroom, or see Mike and Mary Barie.

Come vote for your favorites, and buy your 50/50 and raffle tickets! Raffle tickets and car fliers will be in the Clubroom. Help get the word out, to friends who may be owners of classic cars and others who will enjoy the event.

See more details, still photos and YouTube videos from the 2007, 2008 and 2009 car shows at <http://sites.google.com/site/finncampcarshow/>.

—Mike and Mary Barie, Car Show Committee

Finn Grand Fest 2010



This year's Finn Grand Fest will be July 28 through August 1 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. For more information: www.finngrandfest2010.com. Phone: 705-575-FINN (3466), Fax: 705-575-1468
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Notices of current or former Finn Camp members who have recently passed away are especially welcomed if they can include a recent photo, or one dated as exactly as possible. All reasonable care will be taken with originals.

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SEARCHING THE ROOTS

in Finland 7/26–8/6, 2010

Now it's your chance to experience the Finnish culture, language, and nature by taking part in Searching the Roots in Finland next summer. An empirical acquaintance to the Finnish culture and language as well as to your roots. The course is for people with Finnish background, living or having lived abroad.

The participants need no knowledge of Finnish language because all tuition is in English. During the weekend of 1st and 2nd of August there is no class, which means you have the possibility to visit relatives or friends.

Course fee: 590 euros including tuition, meals and accommodation in a double room. Fares to and from Opisto are not included in the price; participants make their own arrangements.

Enrollment deadline June 14.

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